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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS BETWEEN LEBANON
AND SYRIA

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1. GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR FOLLOWING UP THAT SUGGESTION. WE DOUBT
ANY LEBANESE HAVE PUSHED IT, SINCE LEBANESE REACTION TO SYRIAN
ACTIVITY HERE HAS UNDERGONE RADICAL CHANGES FROM TIME WE FIRST
MADE SUGGESTION. DOMINANT CHRISTIAN POSITION HAS SWITCHED
FROM ONE FEARING CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH SYRIANS TO REALIZA-
TION OF CHRISTIAN DEPENDENCE ON SYRIANS AT LEAST IN SHORT RUN.

2. BESIDES, SYRIAN DECLARATIONS OF BROTHERHOOD WHICH AC-
COMPANIED ASAD-FRANGIE MEETING MAKE PRETTY DISTINCT TEA
LEAVES FOR LEBANSE TO READ. WE DOUBT LEBANSE WOULD THINK
IT WISE TO BRING UP SUCH A SUGGESTION AT THIS TIME.
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